

Concordia University
Council of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science
Minutes of meeting held

Friday, May 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in room EV002.309

Present:

N. Esmail (Chair), R. Paknys, A. Fargnoli, G. Zmeureanu, W.E. Lynch, M. Mulrennan, A. Athienitis, M. Paraschivoiu, R. Bhat, M. Pugh, M. Parisien, L. Quesnel, M. Debbabi, T. Radhakrishnan, A. Ben Hamza, Z. Kabir, R. Dssouli, M. Medraj, T. Fancott, N. Shiri, S. Mudur, A. Athienitis, L. Lopes, C. Groombridge, C. W. Trueman, P. Wood-Adams, J. Mudry, L. Lopes, J.M. Edwards

Z. Bencheikh (Secretary)

Observers: L. Zack. C. Paradisis, S. Belanger

Guests: A. Root, J. Fradette

Regrets: S. T. Alkass, J. Opatrny, A. Qasem, A. Ramamurthy, R. Sedaghati, A. Taimuri, T. Bui, F. Haghighat, V. Devabhaktuni, S. Durand, L. Narayanan, E. Takhtehfouladi, R. Trenard.

1. Adoption of the revised agenda

Motion:

2008-05-01 The revised agenda was adopted as submitted
(M. Pugh & M. Debbabi)

Vote: Carried Unanimously

2. Adoption of the minutes of Meeting 2007-06

Motion:

2008-05-02 That the Minutes of Meeting 2007-06 (April 18, 2008) be adopted as submitted
(M. Parisien & M. Medraj)

Vote: Carried Unanimously

3.

Chairs Remarks

The Chair informed the Council that Dr. Assim Al Khalili from the Department of ECE has won the annual President's Teaching Excellence Award. On behalf of the Council, the Chair congratulated Dr. Al Khalili for this achievement.

The Chair also informed Council that Dr. Suong Hoa has been awarded the "Prix Renaissance Nano-Academia 2008" by Nano-Quebec for his work in the field of engineering with nano-materials. On behalf of the Council, the Chair congratulated Dr. Hoa for this achievement

The Chair conveyed to the council that this was his last council meeting as Dean and Chair. He stated that since July 1997 to date he has been given an opportunity to create a vision, to set goals and to manage the change. Along this journey, he added, there was a map that touched undergraduate and graduate academic programs. He further added that "On the road, Concordia University Chairs were founded. We changed the human face of the faculty by adding 105 new professors. We also changed the face of the faculty by changing the architecture of downtown Montreal & moving in this magnificent building". Dean Esmail mentioned that he enjoyed the journey; the hard work, the heartbreak and the successes. He emphasized that he would like to give credit to this academic community as represented by Faculty Council. He ended his remarks by thanking everyone who participated in this 11 years journey.

4.

Motion:

2008-05-03

Dr. Fancott moved "that this council expresses its thanks to Dean Esmail for his talent, energy and devotion to the Faculty over the past 11 years. Under his leadership, the Faculty has grown dramatically in size and reputation, and is now counted among the leading faculties of Engineering in Canada".

(R. Bhat & B. Lynch)

Vote: Carried Unanimously

5. Presentation by Mr. Jean –Marc Edwards, Assistant Director, User Services, Library.

Mr. Edwards presented a document entitled "Faculty Council Reports for Commerce, Engineering and Fine Arts (ECFC 2008-05-07).

6. Undergraduate Curriculum Proposal

Motion:

2008-05-04

Dr. W.E. Lynch moved document ECFC 2008-05-01 which outlines undergraduate curriculum proposals for the 2008-2009 Academic Year for the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering.

(W.E. Lynch & S. Mudur)

Vote: Carried Unanimously

7. Graduate Curriculum Proposals

Motion:

2008-05-05

Dr. R. Bhat moved document ECFC 2008-05-02 which outlines graduate curriculum proposals for the 2008-2009 academic year for the Concordia Institute for Information Systems Engineering.

(R. Bhat & M. Debbabi)

Vote: Carried Unanimously

8.

Motion:

2008-05-06

Dr. R. Bhat moved document ECFC 2008-05-03 which outlines graduate curriculum proposals for the 2008-2009 academic year for the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering.

(R. Bhat & M. Pugh)

Vote: Carried unanimously with slight amendments

9.

Motion:

2008-05-07

Dr. R. Bhat moved document ECFC 2008-05-04 which outlines graduate curriculum proposals for the 2008-2009 academic year for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.
(R. Bhat & C. Trueman)

Vote: Carried Unanimously

10.

Motion:

2008-05-08

Dr. R. Bhat moved document ECFC 2008-05-05 which outlines graduate curriculum proposals for the 2008-2009 academic year for the General Studies Unit.
(R. Bhat & T. Radhakrishnan)

Vote: Carried unanimously with slight editorial changes.

11.

Motion:

2008-05-09

Dr. R. Bhat moved document ECFC 2008-05-06 which outlines graduate curriculum proposals for the 2008-2009 academic year for the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.

After some discussion concerning whose decision it is to offer courses as either slot or calendar courses, it was decided that the departments are more familiar with the subject and are thus to decide on this issue. The course was then approved as a slot course and will be brought back to Faculty Council in the Fall as a calendar course as per the department original request.

(R. Bhat & M. Pugh)

Vote: Carried by majority

12.

Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

